GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7367
ANSWERED ON:12.05.2000
DISCUSSION WITH MEDIA BARON RUPERT MURDOCH
RAMSHETH THAKUR;Y.S. VIVEKANANDA REDDY

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether media baron Rupert Murdoch met him on March 15, 2000;

(b) if so, the main points discussed during the meeting;

(c) the outcome of the discussion;

(d) whether the Government have allowed global media baron Rupert Murdoch forsetting up of a television programming center in Maharashtra;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the place where the center is likely to be set up; and (g) the area likely to be benefited therefrom?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINSTER OF STATE OF TH DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT

(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): It was only a courtesy meeting with no specific agenda. Hence no specific points were discussed.

(d): No such proposal has been received from Mr. Murdoch.

(e), (f) & (g): Do not arise.